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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Although I believe this situation should not have arose in the first place, I wanted to write to express my support for finalizing the Microsoft settlement deal announced in November. Considering Microsoft's incredible contribution to the PC industry – offering a user-friendly, standardized software platform that has changed the world – keeping this company intact should be a priority of this legal action.

The incredible costs that have been endured by this lawsuit, from years of prior litigation to future monitoring, are a major sacrifice of taxpayer time and money. Now that Microsoft has offered guidelines to open up more competition in the industry, changing licensing agreements and design of Windows, let's end this process and move on to more important issues. Leave Windows alone, unlike the government, it works!

To further the course of breaking up a company because of competitive business practices, just because it is so successful at it, would be a major mistake and would preclude the potential opportunity for cooperation from here forward. Please approve the agreement and let the technology industry get back into position to rebound and grow in 2002. Thank you.

Yours truly


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cc: Representative Jim Sensenbrenner